

Fewer Marriages In '53 In Mountain Counties

Asheville, Jan. 2 — Twelve of Western North Carolina's 19 counties had fewer marriages in 1953 than in 1952, according to figures made public yesterday.

The seven WNC counties which reported increases: Graham from 19 to 22, Haywood 222 to 225, Macon 48 to 55, Polk 19 to 26, Rutherford 138 to 144, Swain 82 to 83 and Yancey 77 to 83.

The following counties reported fewer marriages:

Buncombe 126 in 1951 to 673 in 1952, Avery 89 to 82, Cherokee 55 to 33, Clay 7 to 5, Henderson 212 to 146, Jackson 191 to 66, Madison 58 to 42, McDowell 209 to 206, Mitchell 84 to 36, Transylvania 40 to 38 and Watauga 144 to 127.

There were 2,403 marriages in these 19 WNC counties in 1952 as compared with 2,765 in 1951.

Not only is the marriage rate in North Carolina almost half again as low as the National rate, but the rate of declines is also greater in North Carolina than for the country as a whole.

Marriage licenses issued in North Carolina during 1952 totaled 26,564, or a rate of 6.4 per thousand. During 1951, the number was 28,608, or 6.9 per thousand. This means that the drop in 1952 as compared with 1951 was 7.2 per cent.

During the same period, the drop in the United States as a whole was from 10.6 in 1951 to 10.0 in 1952, a decline of 5.7 per cent.

The decline in the marriage rate in 1952 as compared with 1951 was general throughout the country. There was a drop in 40 of the 48 states. There was an actual increase in only six states, two of them, California and Louisiana remaining unchanged. Even Nevada experienced a decline. The 1952 rate was 266.8 per thousand as compared with 287.9 in 1951, a drop during the year of 7.3 per cent.

The six states which saw in-

creases were Arkansas, Idaho, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Vermont. The largest decline occurred in Maryland, where the rate for 1952 was 18.5 as compared with 19.8 the year before, a drop of 15.3 per cent.

Fertilizer To Be Plentiful

The fertilizer supply for this year looks very favorable in North Carolina, the state whose farmers use more plant food than any other. But the word went out for farmers to order their supply early.

L. E. Tuckwiller, Watauga County farm agent for the State College Extension Service, reminded farmers that there frequently are spot shortages of certain favored materials—even in a year of good over-all supply. "The best way to have the right type and the desired amount of fertilizer available when it is needed is to order early."

Tar Heel farmers used 1,850,000 tons of fertilizer during the 1952-53 crop year, slightly less than the preceding year. The state's agricultural leaders have urged farmers to continue to boost their yields by apply plant food "where it is needed in the quantity it is needed."

Mr. Tuckwiller says that with sound fertilizer management this year Watauga farmers need not worry too much about declining farm prices.

The county agent says a recent USDA report indicates that fertilizer supplied over the nation will be up 11 per cent for the 1953-54 crop year. The amount of nitrogen will be about 2 million tons, phosphates about 2 2-3 million tons, and potash a little under 2 million tons.

Pro football had its best season in 1953; TV was a factor,

Beta Beta Beta Honors College

Appalachian State Teachers College was honored in the Beta Beta Beta convention last December 29 at the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Boston, Mass., when the delegates at the convention of Tri Beta unanimously approved the application for a charter by students of the biology department of the college.

Beta Beta Beta is a national honorary biological society. In

order to establish a chapter, the college or university wishing a charter must meet high standards set by the organization. Once a chapter is obtained, the individuals seeking admission to the chapter must show both interest and a high degree of excellence in their work.

The addition of Beta Beta Beta to the Appalachian campus will set a goal to be sought by all biology majors. The chapter will undoubtedly give rise to greater competition and interest in the biological sciences.

Lopet is league leader with 2.43 earner-run average.

Canned Peas Good In Potato Nests



Canned peas, one of the leading vegetable packs, have an established popularity based on their delicate and sweet flavor. This attribute accounts for their acceptance "as is" and why they can be combined with so many other vegetables. For a substantial vegetable course, serve canned peas atop baked stuffed potatoes. And let the canned food shelf provide other menu suggestions. For the main course have baked luncheon loaf with a peach syrup glaze, accompanied by cling peach halves filled with pickle relish.

Peas in Potato Nests: Bake 3 large potatoes in hot oven (450°F.) one hour. Cut potatoes in half being careful not to break shell. Scoop out potato; mash, season with salt, pepper and butter. Add hot milk to make fluffy mashed potatoes. Put back in shell heaping the potato at the sides and leaving large depression in center. Brown under broiler. Drain a 1-pound can peas; reduce liquid by boiling to about one half. Add peas, salt, pepper and butter; heat to serving temperature. Fill potato centers with peas. YIELD: 6 servings.

Luncheon Loaf with Peach Garnish: Place 2 luncheon meat loaves together in baking pan; score the top and insert cloves. Sprinkle with 3 tablespoons of brown sugar. Pour 1 cup syrup drained from canned cling peaches around meat. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 30 minutes, basting several times during baking with the syrup. During last 15 minutes, place peach halves in pan with meat and fill centers with pickle relish. YIELD: 6 servings.

For Thrift and Savings and Good Things to Eat

Your Favorite Store in '54!

Quality-Tender U. S. Choice Chuck

BEEF ROAST Lb. 45¢

For An Economical Taste Treat Try Frank's

LIVER MUSH Lb. 19¢

Large Palmetto Fresh

FARM EGGS Doz. 69¢

Mild Or Hot Pinky Pig

PORK SAUSAGE Lb. 53¢

First Grade Quality-Tender

FRESH GROUND BEEF Lb. 39¢

Dairy Department Values!

For Tasty Sandwiches!

Cheese 1/4-Lb. Prints—Southern Gold 2-Lb. Box 69¢

Margarine Lb. 25¢

Grade A Medium Shipped

Mountain View Farm EGGS Doz. 59¢

Seafood Department Values!

Tasty Dish! Fresh Large

Mulletts Lb. 27¢

Economy Steak Cuts—King

Mackerel Lb. 29¢

LOW PRICE!

Pinky Pig FRANKS

Tasty Tender and Flavorful And Priced Low!

Lb. Only 39¢

Your Vegetable Variety Store In '54

Extra Fancy

POLE BEANS 2 Lb. 35¢

New Crop

RED BLISS POTATOES .5 Lb. 35¢

Sweet Juicy

FALL RUSSET PEARS .2 Lb. 25¢

Red

DELICIOUS APPLES .3 Lb. 45¢

Fresh Sweet

BANTAM CORN .4 Ears 39¢

Dixie Home Super Markets

get the BEST for LESS!

Grocery Values For A Thrifty '54!

Delicious Taste Treat! Carr's Bonus Pack 21-Oz. Pkg. 29¢

Economical Argo All Green

LIMA BEANS 2 No.-303 Cans 37¢

The Real Maple Flavored Syrup!

LOG CABIN SYRUP 12-Oz. Btl. 27¢

Breakfast is Fun To Fix With Pillsbury's

PANCAKE MIX 1 1/4-Lb. Pkg. 18¢

Libby's Tender Golden

CREAM CORN No.-303 Can 19¢

Delicious With Frank's Van Camp's

PORK & BEANS No.-300 Can 14¢

For A Quick Tasty Lunch—Van Camp's

CHILI WITH BEANS No.-300 Can 33¢

Thrifty! Tasty!

HOME STYLE STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

12-Oz. Glass Only

25¢

Enjoy the luscious goodness of this fine quality strawberry preserves at this low price!

CHARMIN PAPER PRODUCTS!

Economical Paper	Extra Soft
Kitchen Towels	Toilet TISSUE
Roll 17¢	3 Rolls 27¢
Skin Soft	Thrifty Large Paper
Facial TISSUES	NAPKINS
300s Pkg. 17¢	60-Ct Pkg. 10¢

Real Fruit Flavor! Hunt's

Peach Preserves 2 1 1/4-Oz. Jars 25¢

For A Thrifty Appetizer—White House

APPLE SAUCE 2 No. 303 Cans 35¢

A Tasty Fish Dinner Includes Eatwell

GRATED TUNA No. 1/2 Can 27¢

Real Corn Flavor—Jiffy Corn

MUFFIN MIX 8 1/2-Oz. Pkg. 10¢

Creamy Dixie-Home

PEANUT BUTTER 12-Oz. Jar 29¢

Chicken of the Sea	For Better Baking	Brown Gravy With Beef	Fine Shortening
LIGHT TUNA	JEWEL	KREY'S	BAKE-RITE
No. 1/2 Can 39¢	3-Lb. Can 81¢	16-Oz. Can 53¢	3-Lb. Can 75¢
All Vegetable	Mild Toilet Soap	For Complexion Care	For Whiter Washes
CRISCO	CAMAY	CAMAY	DUZ
3-Lb. Can 89¢	3 Reg. 22¢	2 Bath Size 21¢	Lge. Pkg. 27¢
Thrifty Dixie	Energy Building Quick	Mild As Mild Can Be	Never So Clean Before
FAN BROOMS	QUAKER OATS	IVORY SOAP	TIDE
Each 98¢	Pkg. 17¢	3 Med. Size 22¢	Lge. Pkg. 29¢

DIXIE HOME'S EVERYDAY LOW PRICES MEAN YOU CAN SHOP ANY DAY AND SAVE ANY WAY!

Presenting the mighty aristocrat of light-duty trucks—

the 1954 GMC

GMC's HUSKY NEW STANDARD PICKUP, powered with 125-horsepower engine—most powerful standard six in the field. A de luxe model with chrome grille and trim, two-tone exterior paint and oeb rear corner windows is available at extra cost.

HERE is the most extraordinary light-duty truck ever built.

It has the smart styling of a fine passenger car to give its owners distinction and prestige.

A sweeping grille of modern design—a panoramic one-piece windshield—two-tone interiors with harmonizing upholstery—these are some of the luxury features that will make you proud to be seen in it.

But its practical side—its capacity for work—is even more exceptional.

It hasn't just more power than any truck in its class. It has a whopping 125-horsepower engine—more powerful than many trucks with a two-ton rating.

The Pickup—one of 19 models—has a box that holds up to 11 more cubic feet than last year's

capacious model. Its tail gate is grain-tight—and sand-tight.

The dials on its handsome instrument panel are clustered. They can be read at one swift glance through the open top-half of a smart tri-spoke wheel.

And—a truck feature pioneered by GMC—it offers the driversaving, moneysaving advantages of Truck Hydra-Matic Drive*.

One final and surprising point. The price of the GMC, value for value, is unsurpassed anywhere on the truck market.

That's the story. The next move is yours. Come in and see "the world's most modern truck."

And—make it soon. *Optional at extra cost

Get a modern truck!

GREENE BUICK, INC.

400 WEST KING STREET — BOONE, N. C.

You'll do better on a used truck with your GMC dealer